

## Experts discuss U.S.-China relations

U.S. ambassador and K-State professor comment on economy, religion

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In the fourth annual China Town Hall meeting, Jon M. Huntsman Jr., the U.S. Ambassador to China, gave a live webcast interview Monday night about the relationship between the United States and China.

The event was part of the East Asia Studies Program and was held in the K-State Student Union's Big 12 Room.

In his interview, which was viewed by about 46 different venues across the United States and in greater China, Huntsman said the United States and China must be able to reach an "encouraging altitude" based upon respect. He said the U.S. and China should be able to sit down and find solutions to common problems.

"Increasingly, we're making some progress in finding solutions on the issues that really matter," Huntsman said. "We have a long way to go."

Huntsman said he has complete faith and confidence that young generations in both the U.S. and China are being given the right kind of training, education and upbringing to get the relationship between the U.S. and China where it should be.

"I think there's a really growing curiosity to learn more about China," Huntsman said. "It is a bigger part of our economic future. It's a bigger part of our security future. We've got to get a basic understanding between both countries that I think leads to greater trust between us."

Speaking about trade relations between the U.S. and China, Huntsman said, "Given the enormous amount of trade between the United States and China, which is probably just shy of \$500 billion, this is going to be the largest trading relationship in the history of humankind."

After the interview, Richard Madsen, distinguished professor of sociology at the University of California, San Diego, spoke about the return of religion into China.

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# GROWING GARDEN



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Construction workers carry beams carefully among the plants and flowers at the KSU Gardens, located on Denison Avenue north of Claflin Road.

## Gardens to expand in phases; conservatory first

Construction of a 19-acre design for the KSU Gardens is set to begin in March

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Plans to renovate the KSU Gardens are set with a 19-acre design to upgrade and reconstruct the gardens in three phases over a decade.

The current project, the renovation of the conservatory garden, is being prepped to begin. This garden is the growing-plant facility

with controlled heat and humidity that allows for year-round planting.

The conservatory is an educational part of the gardens because of the hands-on experience students are able to gain. Plans to expand the garden are based on giving students and the community even more of an opportunity to work with and learn about these kinds of resources. Students gain the ability to work with new plant collections brought in and placed in a setting where they gain experience in all different areas of working with plant materials.

"The gardens are an experience of learning for our department of horticulture and the landscape architecture department students," said Scott McElwain, director of the KSU Gardens. "They are beneficial for our students that are actually looking at gardens and plant material, not only for the identification but the installation process."

The plan is to add a reflective pool and a large fountain plaza to serve as the key centerpiece in the conservatory garden. The fountain will be surrounded with red rose beds. The red rose is the house flower of Pi Kappa Alpha, a fra-

ternity that will help support and sponsor the rose beds.

In the wetlands area, the new design is the addition of tiered lakes and waterfalls with a garden built around the perimeter. Currently, the area is used as a water-retention site to help maintain the amount of water gained from a major storm. In the past, when there was no retention pond, a major storm coming through would result in the flooding of campus and Aggieville.

"It gives us a good opportunity

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## Honors society gains recognition for leadership, service within area

Group works to promote community service and outreach among members

Pauline Kennedy  
campus editor

It is not often the achievement of high grades could have a direct impact on one's community. With the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, however, high grades allow students to be involved with an organization that promotes and encourages community service.

This year, the K-State chapter of NSCS was awarded a Bronze Star status at the 2010 Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C.

The chapter earned this national recognition by going above and beyond in the field of leadership and community service around Manhattan for the 2009-10 school year.

Several activities that helped the group receive the bronze status included tutoring

middle school students, working and making meals at the Manhattan Emergency Shelter and holding a spirit week in the spring.

"We tried to really have an important impact on the community," said Tommy Lawler, junior in dietetics and last year's community service officer.

"Last year we were really getting the program up and running for the first time in a while," Lawler said. "We were pretty proud of that, just because we had no standing the year before."

The NSCS is an honors organization available to students who show high academic achievement in their freshman and sophomore years of college. According to the society's website, its mission is "to recognize and elevate high achievers."

To receive an invitation to join the organization, students must attain a grade point average of a 3.4 on a 4.0 scale, as well as rank in the top 20 percent of their class.

Unlike other honor societies, NCSC not only encourages academic achievement, but it also encourages community outreach and leadership.

Casie Adams, senior in nutritional sciences and president of the K-State chapter, said she does far more community service than she would if she was not involved in the organization.

"I like the community service because it gets us more involved in the community," she said.

Adams said she has also seen the effects of being an executive officer in the group.

"Being the president has made me be more responsible, because all of these people get good grades, and ... I want to set a good example," she said.

While there are about 2,400 members in the K-State chapter, very few students actually take an active role in the organization.

Adams said the chapter

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## Manhattan Hill gets makeover for cystic fibrosis awareness

Three K-State students raise funds, color letters for club

Tiffany Roney  
senior staff writer

Covering giant letters on a hill with purple spandex — it might not sound like a worthwhile activity, but it is the tactic used by Project Purple, a student-run organization, to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Club.

Winston Wolf, junior in architecture and co-creator of Project Purple, said he was the one to come up with the "crazy idea" of covering the letters of Manhattan Hill in purple fabric, one at a time, as money was raised.

Wolf said he was riding in the car with his family on the way to a wedding when the creative spark came to him.

Wolf said two of his friends, Sierra Cuda, junior in interior architecture and product design, and Felicia Balestrere, junior in interior architecture

and product design, had been wanting to launch a charity in honor of a high school friend of theirs who has cystic fibrosis.

"They wanted to do a haunted house and all these really creative ideas, but there was some logistic problems they were overlooking," Wolf said. "I was trying to think of something better, and Felicia and I were texting, and I fell asleep in the car."

A little bit of shut-eye was the extra push Wolf needed to produce the winning concept.

"I woke up and the text said something about the fact that cystic fibrosis' color was purple, and I was thinking, 'Well, okay, that's perfect — we should have it be something to do with purple, obviously here in Manhattan,'" he said. "K-State pride and cystic fibrosis and Manhattan Hill — it just all made perfect sense."

Wolf said he was still "in the halfway awake stages" when he formulated the concept, but he immediately sent this short message to Cuda and Balestrere: "Wait. I've got the perfect idea."

It has been about a year since that texting conversation between the three co-creators of Project Purple. Since then, the team has raised \$7,500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Club.

Cuda, treasurer of the club, said the team's success has not come without a few difficulties.

She said right after the team had their first victory — a purple-covered "M" on Manhattan Hill — the purple fabric covering disappeared.

"We tried not to lose hope and freak out about it too much," she said.

Still, Wolf said he found the situation heartbreaking.

"It was up for 18 hours and then Sierra was leaving town and she called and said one of the sides of the letters was missing," he said. "We got out of bed and gathered everybody and went out there, and it was all gone. It was rough."

Seeing the empty white letter was especially rough on that day, because the friend of Cuda's

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Logan's Run

By Erin Logan



THE BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

**MONDAY**  
**Dusty Emone Ellis**, of Ogden, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

**Sarah Evelyn Fiore**, of the 1400 block of McCain Lane, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

**Brandon Montreal Malone**, of Fort Riley, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$750.

**Clayton Paul Smith**, of the 1500 block of Campus Road, was booked for aggravated battery against a law enforcement officer, criminal threat, criminal damage to property and battery. Bond was set at \$30,000.

**Ralph Francis Walters**, homeless, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$750.

**Theresa Lynn Whited**, of the 200 block of Westwood Road, was booked for criminal use of a financial card and theft. Bond was set at \$3,500.

**TUESDAY**  
**Terrell Bernard Brooks**, of Ogden, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$6,000.

**Jamar France Fudge**, of the 700 block of Fremont Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$6,000.

POLICE REPORTS

**Austin Enns**  
staff reporter

Rape reported by 15-year-old female

A minor reported to police on Monday that she was raped, said Capt. Kurt Moldrup of the Riley County Police Department.

The minor, 15, a female, reported she was raped by an 18-year-old man who is known to her, according to the police report.

The minor reported that the incident happened Friday, and she had no injuries requiring medical treatment, according to the report.

Property damage reported at fraternity

A local man reported that his guitar was damaged, according to an RCPD report.

Aaron Johnson, 20, a member of Sigma Chi, a fraternity located in the 1200 block of Freemont, reported his Taylor Guitar was thrown out of a window, causing \$15,000 in damage. The incident occurred Sunday.

GTM Sportswear warehouse plundered

A GTM Sportswear warehouse was reportedly robbed between Wednesday and Thursday of last week, according to a police report.

The warehouse, located in Pottawatomie County, was reportedly missing 10 large aluminum tent poles, along with 20 steel shelves and frames, according to the report.

The property was valued at about \$3,000.

Local suspected of multiple charges

A local man was arrested on suspicion of aggravated battery of a police officer, criminal threat and criminal damage to property, according to another report from the RCPD.

Police were responding to a domestic disturbance call at a home in the 1500 block of Campus Drive around 7 p.m. Monday. Clayton Smith, 31, is suspected of involvement in a domestic disturbance with Crystal Auletti, 33, who

lives with Smith.

Smith is also suspected of threatening an officer, Moldrup said. After Smith was placed in the police vehicle, the officer, Dan Bortinck, 27, approached the vehicle and Smith reportedly kicked the window out, according to the police report. Bortinck's eye was reportedly cut by glass from the window, and Emergency Medical Services transported him to Mercy Regional Health Center. Damage to the window is estimated at \$400.

Smith's bond was set at \$15,000.

Man fails to appear, bond set at \$6K

A local man was arrested after he failed to appear in court, Moldrup said.

James Fudge, 25, was arrested at his home in the 700 block of Fremont Street around 1 a.m. Fudge failed to appear in a municipal court, and his bond was set at \$6,000, according to a police report. The original charges were driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license.

10-20 CRYPTOQUIP

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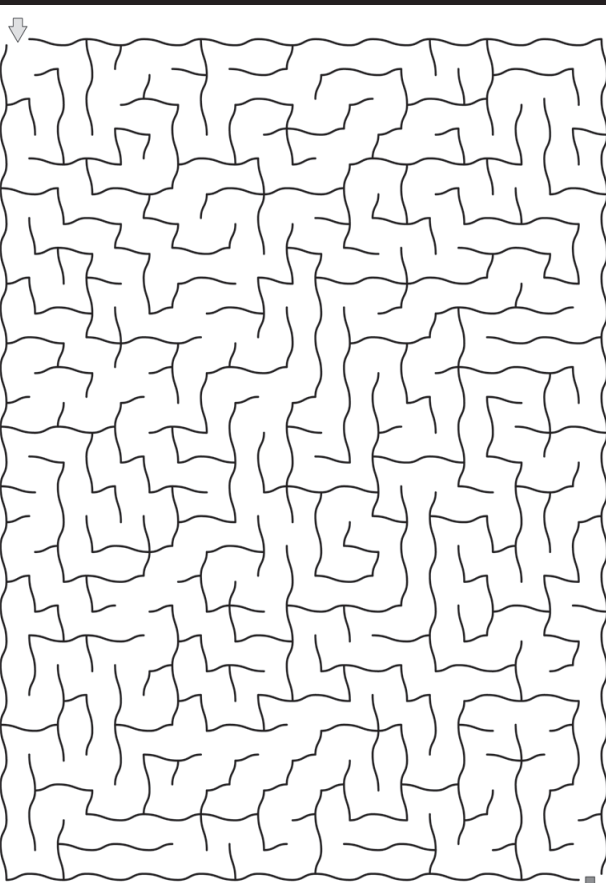
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"I won a costume contest in the second grade."




**CJ Langrehr**  
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"Me and some friends going to a haunted house in Kansas City."



**David Glenski**  
FRESHMAN, BUSINESS

"Going to the bars and ... watching the girls in their outfits."



**Taylor Niehues**  
JUNIOR, BUSINESS

"I was a mafia girl, wearing stilettos, got drunk, and fell down some stairs."



**Morgan Schuman**  
SENIOR, PSYCHOLOGY

"When we terrorize Linn, Kan."



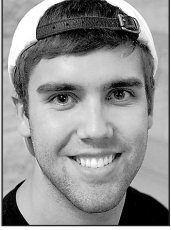
**Melissa Heck**  
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"When my brother, sister and I traded each other for our favorite candy."



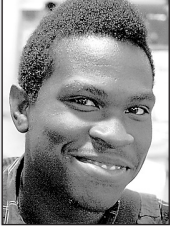
**Alyssa Bellinder**  
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"I dressed up as an Army man with my two younger brothers and went trick-or-treating."



**DJ Bolerjack**  
JUNIOR, DIGITAL MEDIA

"Going to a haunted house and losing my shoe."



**Charles Collins**  
FRESHMAN, DANCE

"I dressed up as a bumblebee when I was younger in Chicago, and went trick-or-treating."



**Tanniqua-Kay Buchanan**  
FRESHMAN, OPEN OPTION

To read more about Halloween, check out today's Halloween Guide.

# SPOON-FED

## Uninformed voters pose hazard to democracy



**Danny Davis**

As the midterm elections approach, many organizations, parties and random people start spreading the word to "get out and vote." Apparently, it is our "civic duty," the responsibility of any citizen, and a key part of the democratic process. The message is even louder during presidential election years.

While I don't disagree that it is essential for citizens to vote, I'd like to attach a caveat to that idea: informed citizens should vote. People who know about the issues and are informed about the current state of the government are those who actually contribute to the democratic system.

How does a person with absolutely no knowledge of current policies and issues contribute to the democratic system? The person does not contribute anything. Uninformed voters actually deteriorate the nation's government by electing inexperienced, unqualified or incompetent politicians to office.

But if all they're hearing is "get out and vote" or "vote: it's your duty," how are they to become informed about the choices? The logical way is that, having been convinced to vote, people will research the candidates and issues. Unfortunately, people seldom work this way.

Of course, one could argue that when candidates can't even be bothered to read the bills that they support, why should voters be bothered to read about the candidates they're voting for? Perhaps this is only a small problem within a larger picture. Still, it merits mentioning.

Often, when the voter is in the ballot booth, it comes down to Republican vs. Democrat. That is a scary prospect, and it's one

that our Founding Fathers, James Madison in particular, foresaw. Factions of voters, he argued, would be a threat to the republic, hence the need for a representative democracy. In short, there are times when the majority of voters are wrong about the best interests of the republic.

Perhaps they are wrong because they fail to understand, or even to try to understand, the issue. Instead, they rely on political parties to spoon-feed them their political views. With political parties spoon-feeding them

their views, what incentive is there to take an interest and venture on their own?

What if both candidates from the major parties are unfit for office? Spoon-fed voters will still vote for them without batting an eye, but those with a sense of political efficacy will take initiative and become informed about the issues and make up their own minds.

For presidential elections, the Electoral College serves as a fail-safe to prevent the populace from directly electing a candidate completely

unfit for office. However, in local politics and congressional elections, the people do directly elect candidates.

A common misconception during elections is that "voting is a right." I challenge anyone to show me where the "right to vote" is written. After several thorough readings of the Constitution and amendments, I have seen no such right.

Sure, there are the 14th, 15th and 19th amendments, but those don't grant the right to vote; they merely forbid states from limiting

certain people from voting while permitting others. Voting is a privilege granted by the states, not a right.

Uninformed voters abuse that privilege by ignoring the best interests of their country. A low voter turnout of informed voters is preferable to a high voter turnout of uninformed, spoon-fed voters.

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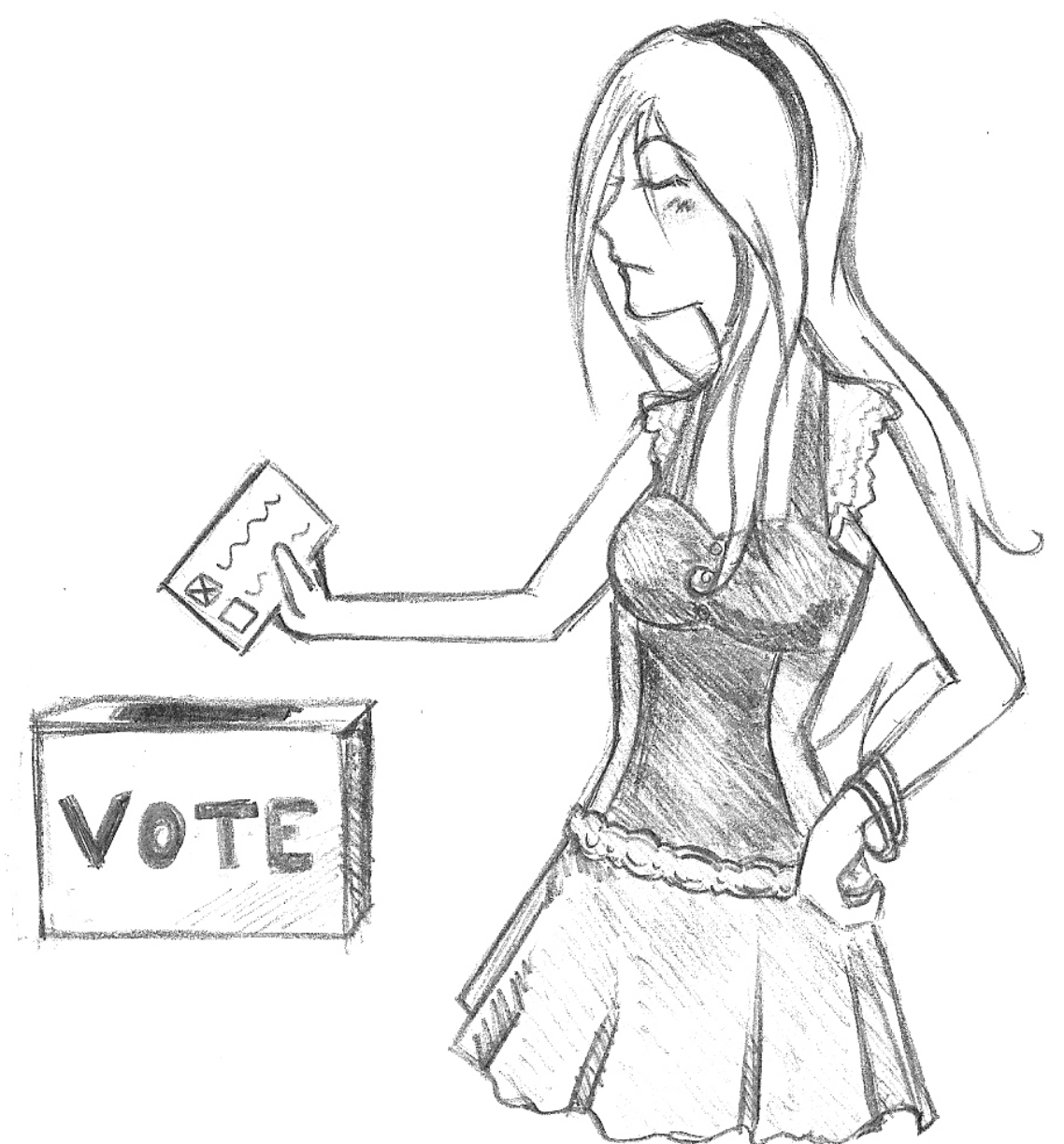


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# Immoral charity pays drug addicts to become sterile



**Karen Ingram**

Drug abuse is a serious problem, not just in the United States, but all over the world. Among the worst victims of this global plague are the children born to drug-addled parents. A woman named Barbara Harris could tell you all about this, as she adopted and raised four children born to the same crack-addicted woman.

"My husband and I had to take shifts with him," Harris said of her second child, Taylor, in a Feb. 8 BBC News article. "He would sleep 10 minutes, wake up screaming. I was just angry at his mom, I thought how could somebody do this to a baby?"

Harris' inventive solution to the problem became Project Prevention, an organization that pays drug-addicted parents \$300 apiece for long-term birth control, which includes anything from Depo-Provera shots to more permanent methods of tubal ligations and vasectomies — in short, sterilization.

According to Project Prevention's latest statistics, which were updated on their website Oct. 17, they have paid a total of 3,600 "clients" in all 50 states. Of those clients, 1,319 had tubal ligations and 54 had vasectomies, which means the number of "clients" who became sterile is about 1 in 3.

Project Prevention has also recently gone global. BBC news reported in an

Oct. 17 article that Project Prevention is offering 200 pounds, or \$318, to addicts in various UK cities, including London and Glasgow, if they agree to the aforementioned birth control.

Harris and Project Prevention have been attacked by critics who compare this charity organization to Nazi programs in the 1930s that sterilized or killed groups of people deemed to be unsuitable for procreation, including Jews and mentally handicapped people. Harris has also been accused of being a racist and targeting poor and drug-addicted minorities.

I wouldn't go so far as to accuse Harris of practicing eugenics, and I don't think she's racist, either. Harris is white, but her four adopted children are black or of mixed ethnicity and her husband is black. Also, the statistics on her website show that more than half of her "clients" are white. Also, I can certainly see her

side of things, as many babies born to drug-addicted mothers suffer from withdrawals, premature birth, physical and mental problems, among other things. I understand her desire to end the suffering of children.

That being said, Project Prevention leaves me with a bad taste in my mouth because I can see such a "charitable project" being carried out on other groups of people someone might deem "unsuitable" for procreating.

There are many children born into less than ideal conditions all the time, and although I bemoan the overpopulation of the planet, I get a chill at the thought of people being paid to get sterilized because they are deemed unworthy breeding stock. There are millions of children in the U.S. who suffer without drugs coming into the picture. According to [worldhunger.org](http://worldhunger.org), 13 million children in the U.S. are hungry.



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Should poor people be sterilized to spare their children from pain and suffering? Should people be sterilized because they have Down syndrome? Or because schizophrenia runs in their family? Or diabetes? What about people who are HIV positive?

What about the children of people who are "suffering" because their livelihoods conflict with someone else's belief system? Should gays be sterilized? Or illegal immigrants?

When you target one group of people because of the harm they could do to their children, you run the risk of declaring open season on anyone who might be "undesirable." As I've already stated, I believe the population is dangerously high on this planet. I also meet people every day who annoy me to the point of thinking "Gee, I hope this idiot never breeds," but I am not arrogant enough to believe I can choose who should or should not have children. I don't believe any individual — or charity — should be given the power to make that call.

This is a choice that should be left up to the individual. I choose not to have children because, whether I raised them or not, they would be genetically predisposed to depression, thyroid disorders, obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes and my less-than-charming personality traits. The choice not to procreate is mine, as it should be for anybody else, whether they're an addict or just a jerk.

The world does not need charities that prevent people from procreating. There is already an award out there given to people who find amazingly stupid ways of preventing themselves from contributing to the gene pool. It's called the Darwin Awards. Support that, instead.

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# NEARLY IDENTICAL

## K-State concludes first round of conference play against Baylor



**Kathleen Ludwig**, sophomore opposite hitter, spikes the ball against Nebraska University on Saturday evening in Ahearn Field House, when the Wildcats lost to Nebraska in three games. The Cats play Baylor tonight in Waco, Texas. Both teams hold Big 12 Conference records of 3-6.

**Sam Nearhood**  
staff writer

This is the end. Well, kind of. The end of the first round, at least.

Tonight, when the K-State volleyball team (9-11, 3-6 Big 12 Conference) plays on the road against Baylor University (10-10, 3-6 Big 12), it will conclude the first round of conference play, meaning K-State has faced all 10 of its Big 12 opponents. K-State head coach Suzie Fritz said she thinks the second round will be better than the first.

“We need to be better in the second half,” Fritz said. “We had a few missed opportunities the first half, and I think we can continue to grow and improve, and we have a whole second half of the season to prove that.”

The Wildcats seem to have decided to save the most even matchup until the end, as the resemblance between the two teams could hardly be any closer.

Their records are nearly identical; their standings in the conference are nearly identical; the teams whom they have defeated are nearly identical. However, there are some differences.

As far as differences in players, there is the back row. K-State’s celebrated senior libero, Lauren Mathewson, is nudging against the No. 2 spot for career digs at her school, and she is currently recording 4.57 digs per game. For the Bears, Caitlyn Trice took over the libero position this year, where she is doing remarkably well. With her whopping 5.35 digs per game, Trice leads the Big 12 by a considerable gap.

As a team, Baylor also has K-State beat in the back row; the Bears have 18.79 digs per game — far beyond any other team in the league — while K-State lays claim to 13.94.

For the other positions on the court, the players are paired very well with their respective counterparts, showing a decent amount of comparable skill.

The other major point of difference between the teams is which teams have defeated them in the first round of conference play.

Early in the season, K-State lost to Colorado in five games, but Baylor recently swept the Buffaloes on the road. Conversely, Kansas shut out Baylor last Wednesday in four, while K-State did the exact same to Kansas at the very beginning of the conference season.

One might try to single these events out in the hopes of drawing some conclusion, but the singularity of the outcomes of these matches prevents any extrapolation or prediction for the one tonight.

For this match, Fritz made two points that she would like her team to improve on.

“Until we can try to solidify our serve receive and until we can try to side out at a higher level, we’re going to have our struggles,” Fritz said. “And so, that’s been our focus.” She said this could include changes in the starting lineup.

First serve is set for 7 p.m. in Waco, Texas. Fans unable to attend the match can listen on KMAN 1350.

## Football team earns good grades



Think back to just before kickoff against UCLA on Sept. 4. Is this how you thought things would go?

Even with the 2010 season just halfway finished, head coach Bill Snyder and company have given Wildcat fans across the nation plenty to be excited about.

It all started with the season-opening thriller against the Bruins. Then, there was the second installment of the Farmageddon series, followed by a come-from-behind win against Central Florida, complete with a horror movie-style thunderstorm. Throw in a crushing loss to Nebraska and a bounce-back blowout of Kansas, and here we are.

It might be hard to believe, but out of all that, the Wildcats are 5-1.

It hasn’t exactly been the season that many expected. Running back Daniel Thomas exploded out of the gate like many thought he would, but the senior has cooled off significantly in recent weeks. Quarterback Carson Coffman has gone from hero to zero and back again, but he’s played a significant role in at least a few of K-State’s victories. The Wildcat defense has bent — often more than Snyder would like — but has stood up long enough to win games.

So, have the Wildcats lived up to your expectations? Maybe they have, maybe they haven’t, but it’s hard to complain about a team that’s a single win from bowl eligibility with half its games left.

Just for fun, here’s a quick

midseason evaluation of all three units.

**OFFENSE**

Entering the season, the main goal of the offense was pretty clear: get the ball to Thomas as much as possible. For three weeks, that plan worked perfectly. During that span, Thomas burst onto the national scene, racking up 552 yards and six touchdowns.

But, defenses began stacking the box and the numbers dropped dramatically. Thomas hasn’t eclipsed the century mark since putting up 181 on Iowa State, but he did return to form against KU, when he ran for 91 yards and a touchdown.

Despite the decline in Thomas’ production, the Wildcats continued to win games, thanks in large part to the oft-scrutinized Coffman.

The fifth-year senior kept K-State in the game against Central Florida and eventually capped off the comeback on a touchdown run with 24 seconds left on the clock. After a dismal showing against the Huskers, he responded beautifully against the Jayhawks, when he ran for three scores and threw for two more.

Long story short: while consistency may be an issue, K-State has shown more than once that it can win without huge numbers from Thomas. There is obviously plenty that could be improved on, but the offense has proven it’s not as one-dimensional as everyone thought it would be.

**GRADE: C+**

**DEFENSE**

The term is probably used too often, but the 2010 Wildcat defense has often depicted itself as a “bend-but-don’t-break” unit. K-State has given up big yardage to nearly every team it’s faced this season, but has managed to hold those teams off the scoreboard. Snyder has said many times that he’s not a

fan of winning ugly, but wins are wins nonetheless.

That being said, the Wildcats won’t win many more games if teams continue to rack up yards. The road only gets steeper from here.

Many of K-State’s remaining opponents feature explosive offenses, starting this weekend with Baylor, and shaky defensive performance could, and very likely will, lead to disastrous results.

**GRADE: C**

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

Take away K-State’s game against Missouri State, and the special teams unit has been spectacular in 2010. Despite a forgettable 2009 season, senior kicker Josh Cherry has been extremely reliable this season, as he has made all six of his field goal attempts this season. Sophomore punter Ryan Doerr has also put together a solid season, punting 26 times for an average of 41.7 yards, while pinning opponents inside their own 20-yard line nine times.

The Wildcats have yet to post a return touchdown, but senior running back William Powell has come close several times. He’s averaging 31.5 yards per return and was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week after a strong showing against Iowa State. Freshman receiver Tramaine Thompson has handled punt return duties and currently owns a 9.7-yard average.

While the special teams unit hasn’t been explosive, it’s definitely been reliable in all facets this season. K-State has flourished in this department since Snyder first arrived in Manhattan in 1989, and this year has been no exception.

**GRADE: A-**

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## Men’s golf team finishes in ninth, Watson places in top 10



**Nathaniel LaRue** | Collegian

**Tyler Norris**, freshman, watches his ball sail through the air toward the putting green during the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate Invitational on Sept. 28. The men’s golf team, which plays on Nov. 1 in Stockton, Ca., has averaged a team score of 299.5 so far this season.

**Tyler Scott**  
staff writer

In the final round of the David Toms Intercollegiate in Baton Rouge, La., the men’s golf team moved up three spots to ninth place. K-State carded a tournament-low third round score of 287 and finished with an overall total of 12-over-par 876.

Louisiana State finished the tournament in first with a score of 16-under-par 848, while Arkansas placed in second with a score of 14-under-par 850.

Head coach Tim Norris said confidence was definitely the biggest difference from the first two rounds.

“The confidence was a bit of a carry-over from yesterday afternoon,” Norris said.

“We competed these last two rounds under par and there were some good things that happened.”

Freshman Jack Watson was the top K-State individual, tying for sixth place with a score of 5-under-par 211. Freshman Thomas Birdsey placed in a tie for 23rd with a score of even-par 216, while sophomore Chase Chamberlin carded a score of 10-over-par 226 to tie for 50th.

Freshman David Klautdt recorded a score of 13-over-par 229 to tie for 58th, while sophomore Ben Juffer placed in a tie for 68th with a score of 17-over-par 233.

“Jack Watson had some great finishes,” Norris said. “He birdied four of the last five holes today and kept his patience, which really paid off for him. When you’re playing well there’s a good chance to make good shots.”

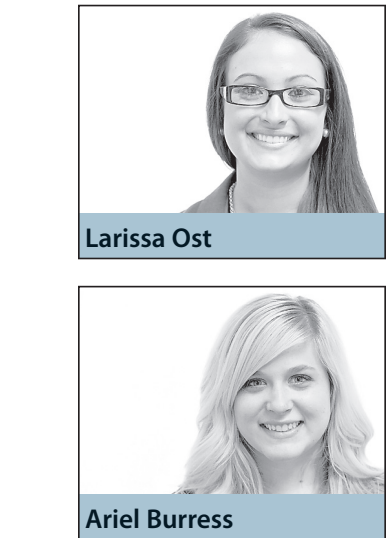
Norris said the confidence through the whole tournament, especially the final round, should continue into the next match.

“It’s been a good fall with a lot of learning and painful times,” Norris said. “Hopefully this confidence can lead into the last match. Things are starting to come around and we are closer than where we started the season. I would like to see some good scores at the bottom of the lineup in the next event and we will see how well we can do.”

The Wildcats’ next action — and final fall match of the season — will be Nov. 1 at the Brookside Country Club in Stockton, Ca.

# HALLOWEEN QLINE

## Costumes draw the line between just enough and far too much



Halloween costumes used to be rated on who had the biggest scare factor. Now, it is more along the lines of who can wear the least amount of clothing while still resembling a character.

When walking the fine line between sexy and slutty, it is very easy to cross over to the dark side, especially on the spookiest day of the year.

Halloween “is an excuse to be slutty for one day and get away it,” said Ashley Rager, sophomore in public relations. “I think people do it for attention.”

First of all, ladies, let’s be realistic here: it is October in Manhattan and chances are it will be cold Halloween night. Think about adding a sleek pair of gloves to your flapper ensemble or some opaque black tights to that naughty nurse outfit. Not only will you look sexy and classy, you won’t get hypothermia — definitely a bonus.

Instead of trotting around like a Clydesdale horse in your 5-inch-plus stilettos, get some shoes you can actually walk in. No one wants to be that girl who eats pavement while flaunting her tiny costume. Maybe you could be Lady Gaga in an awesome pair of knee-high boots?

Costumes don’t always have to be the typical nurse, sailor or bunny outfit. Try to think outside the box this year and put together your own wardrobe. Not only will you get tons of compliments on your originality, you will probably save some cash on the way. Not to mention, you won’t have to worry about someone taking your ingenious idea.

A general rule of thumb when trying on your beloved costume: if you can’t bend over without all the goods coming out in any direction, it’s probably not the best idea. Sorry for the brutal honesty, but it’s for the sake of everyone.

“I think that slutty girls’ costumes on Halloween, to some degree, is attractive, depending on the girl who’s wearing it,” said Cain McEwen, sophomore in business.

Being attractive “to some degree” is not a meritless goal, but there are better compliments to shoot for.

There are loads of classier alternatives to choose from, anywhere from a sophisticated flight attendant to a plethora of Disney characters.

We’re not encouraging you to dress like you’re going to trick-or-treat in your grandparents’ neighborhood on this festive holiday, just to be aware that women can still look sexy and have fun without being half-naked.

Halloween is definitely one of the most fun holidays of the year, from carving pumpkins to gobbling candy, so don’t spoil it with a costume that isn’t up to snuff. After all, don’t we all want to be the treat, not the trick?

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Top: If you want to pull of a sexier look, leave a little bit to the imagination. Bottom: The more skin shown and the shorter the dress, the sluttier the costume. Photos by Erin Poppe | Collegian

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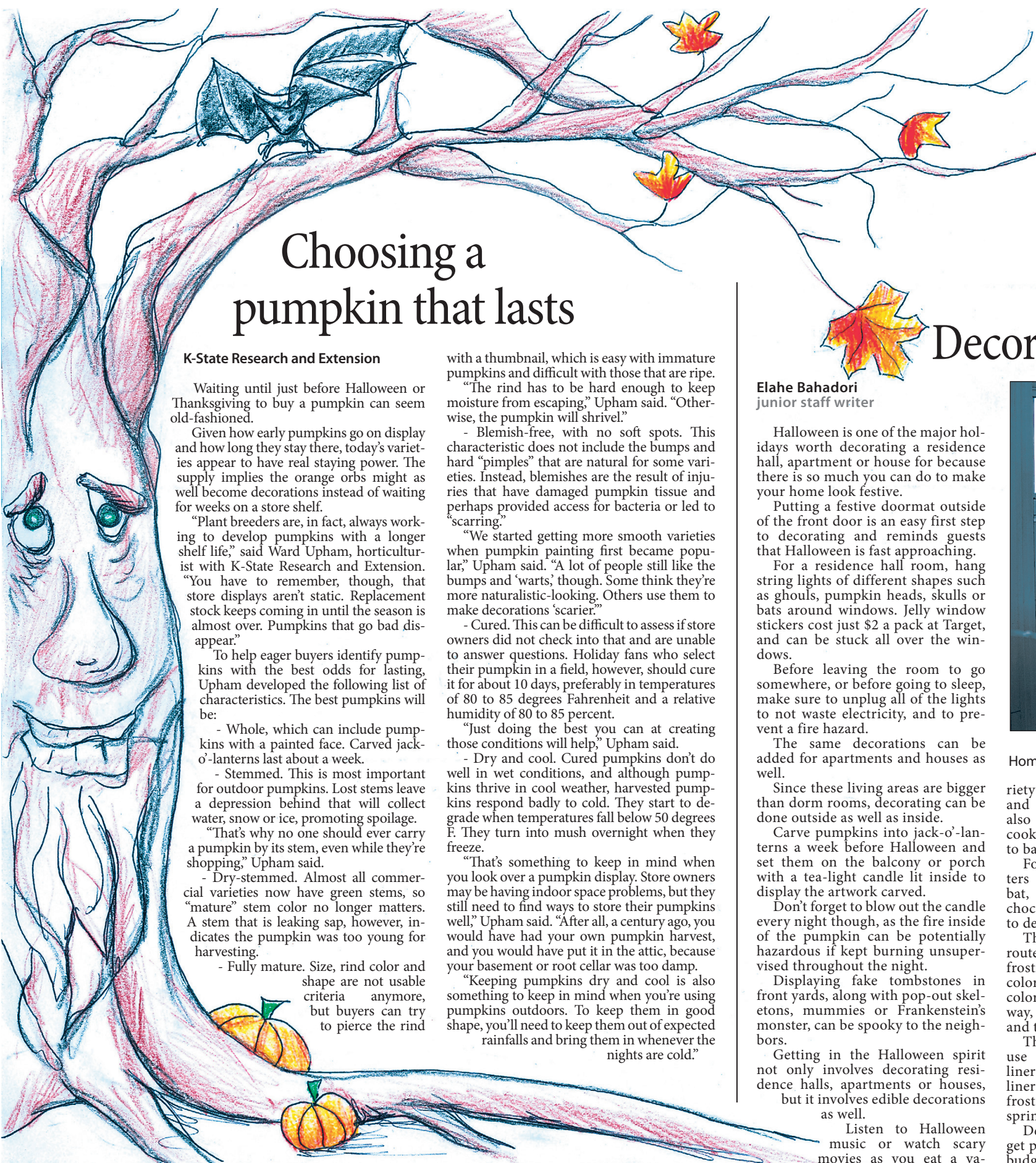
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# Choosing a pumpkin that lasts

K-State Research and Extension

Waiting until just before Halloween or Thanksgiving to buy a pumpkin can seem old-fashioned.

Given how early pumpkins go on display and how long they stay there, today's varieties appear to have real staying power. The supply implies the orange orbs might as well become decorations instead of waiting for weeks on a store shelf.

"Plant breeders are, in fact, always working to develop pumpkins with a longer shelf life," said Ward Upham, horticulturist with K-State Research and Extension. "You have to remember, though, that store displays aren't static. Replacement stock keeps coming in until the season is almost over. Pumpkins that go bad disappear."

To help eager buyers identify pumpkins with the best odds for lasting, Upham developed the following list of characteristics. The best pumpkins will be:

- Whole, which can include pumpkins with a painted face. Carved jack-o'-lanterns last about a week.

- Stemmed. This is most important for outdoor pumpkins. Lost stems leave a depression behind that will collect water, snow or ice, promoting spoilage.

- "That's why no one should ever carry a pumpkin by its stem, even while they're shopping," Upham said.

- Dry-stemmed. Almost all commercial varieties now have green stems, so "mature" stem color no longer matters. A stem that is leaking sap, however, indicates the pumpkin was too young for harvesting.

- Fully mature. Size, rind color and shape are not usable criteria anymore, but buyers can try to pierce the rind

with a thumbnail, which is easy with immature pumpkins and difficult with those that are ripe.

- "The rind has to be hard enough to keep moisture from escaping," Upham said. "Otherwise, the pumpkin will shrivel."

- Blemish-free, with no soft spots. This characteristic does not include the bumps and hard "pimples" that are natural for some varieties. Instead, blemishes are the result of injuries that have damaged pumpkin tissue and perhaps provided access for bacteria or led to "scarring."

- "We started getting more smooth varieties when pumpkin painting first became popular," Upham said. "A lot of people still like the bumps and 'warts,' though. Some think they're more naturalistic-looking. Others use them to make decorations 'scarier.'"

- Cured. This can be difficult to assess if store owners did not check into that and are unable to answer questions. Holiday fans who select their pumpkin in a field, however, should cure it for about 10 days, preferably in temperatures of 80 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit and a relative humidity of 80 to 85 percent.

- "Just doing the best you can at creating those conditions will help," Upham said.

- Dry and cool. Cured pumpkins don't do well in wet conditions, and although pumpkins thrive in cool weather, harvested pumpkins respond badly to cold. They start to degrade when temperatures fall below 50 degrees F. They turn into mush overnight when they freeze.

- "That's something to keep in mind when you look over a pumpkin display. Store owners may be having indoor space problems, but they still need to find ways to store their pumpkins well," Upham said. "After all, a century ago, you would have had your own pumpkin harvest, and you would have put it in the attic, because your basement or root cellar was too damp."

- "Keeping pumpkins dry and cool is also something to keep in mind when you're using pumpkins outdoors. To keep them in good shape, you'll need to keep them out of expected rainfalls and bring them in whenever the nights are cold."

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Halloween is one of the major holidays worth decorating a residence hall, apartment or house for because there is so much you can do to make your home look festive.

Putting a festive doormat outside of the front door is an easy first step to decorating and reminds guests that Halloween is fast approaching.

For a residence hall room, hang string lights of different shapes such as ghouls, pumpkin heads, skulls or bats around windows. Jelly window stickers cost just \$2 a pack at Target, and can be stuck all over the windows.

Before leaving the room to go somewhere, or before going to sleep, make sure to unplug all of the lights to not waste electricity, and to prevent a fire hazard.

The same decorations can be added for apartments and houses as well.

Since these living areas are bigger than dorm rooms, decorating can be done outside as well as inside.

Carve pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns a week before Halloween and set them on the balcony or porch with a tea-light candle lit inside to display the artwork carved.

Don't forget to blow out the candle every night though, as the fire inside of the pumpkin can be potentially hazardous if kept burning unsupervised throughout the night.

Displaying fake tombstones in front yards, along with pop-out skeletons, mummies or Frankenstein's monster, can be spooky to the neighbors.

Getting in the Halloween spirit not only involves decorating residence halls, apartments or houses, but it involves edible decorations as well.

Listen to Halloween music or watch scary movies as you eat a va-

# Decorating for college students



Matt Binter | Collegian

Homemade Halloween decorations adorn the eighth-floor lobby of Moore Hall.

riety of Halloween-themed candy and even Oreo cookies. Pillsbury also makes Halloween cupcake and cookie mixes that take just minutes to bake.

For cookies, find some cookie cutters in the shape of a pumpkin or bat, and decorate the cookies with chocolate, white or orange frosting to decorate them with.

The cheaper and more creative route would be to buy the white frosting only, and mix orange food coloring into it to make a second color of frosting free of cost. Either way, the cookies will look just festive and taste delicious.

The same goes for cupcakes; just use the Halloween-themed paper liners rather than regular aluminum liners. Orange, white or chocolate frosting and Halloween-themed sprinkles will top it all off.

Decorating for the holidays can get pretty expensive, so make sure to budget for what you plan to spend.

Although spending money on all the decorations stores provide can be exciting, splurging can get a little ridiculous.

Asking parents for old decorations they no longer want can be less expensive, and more original, especially if they have invested in new decorations themselves.

Not every piece of furniture, wall or yard has to be covered in Halloween decorations, so try not to go too far, unless you want to have trouble walking through your own residence hall room, apartment or house.

Getting in the Halloween spirit does not have to be extremely materialistic, but it can be fun decorating and making the spirit of the holiday come alive.

After Halloween is over, put all of those decorations away, and prepare for some of the next major traditional American holidays approaching soon after: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

# Many local costume options available

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metro editor

If you find yourself at a loss of where to start with Halloween costumes this year, here is a sampling of what Manhattan has to offer.

## HALLOWEEN BOOTIQUE

The Halloween Boutique in Manhattan Town Center has everything anyone could need for a successful costume.

"We have a large variety of fashionable costumes at decent prices," said Shauna Lawrence, Boutique employee and senior in marketing and agricultural economics.

"This large seasonal store offers everything from a scantily dressed Alice from 'Alice in Wonderland' to a fuzzy orange 'Funky Chicken.'"

Women can expect pirate, fairy, ladybug, nurse, cop, mermaid and retro costumes, to name just a few. Among the guys' choices are a beer mug, an oil spill clean-up man, Jesus and a "party animal."

There is also a full Bigfoot suit for \$100. Most of the full-packaged costumes range from \$20 to \$60. The store offers no returns, but it does provide in-store credit if a customer brings something back.

Groups can also find everything they need to pull off the Flintstones or the Scooby-Doo gang, and the store also has a couple rows of children's costumes.

The Boutique dedicates an entire counter to masks, and also provides a few decorations for the home and rows of accessories, including all the jewelry, wigs, weapons, fake eyelashes, leggings and sunglasses necessary to top off any costume.

Customers can try on any costume before purchasing it to make sure they have made the right decision.

Lawrence said the store is quickly running out of available sizes for some of the most popular costumes. All costumes will be 50 percent off on Nov. 1.

## THE LITTLE APPLE COSTUME CO.

Another place to go for women's costumes and a large selection of accessories is the Little Apple Costume Co., located on Poyntz Avenue.

Rebecca Craig, co-owner of Rockstar & Rogers Clothing and Costume, which

also owns the Little Apple Costume Company, said the company primarily markets "sexy" costumes for college girls. The store orders fewer of each costume so customers are less likely to run into their duplicate at a party.

"We have the broadest selection of sexy costumes," Craig said.

Packaged costumes cost around \$40 to \$60, similar to Halloween Boutique. Those on a budget can find last year's overstocked costumes on sale for about \$20 to \$30, as well as cheap accessories.

Craig said staff focus on stocking hard-to-find accessories, like wings, weapons, jewelry, petticoats, long socks and tights.

The store has a selection of "traditional" costumes that are more modest than most. There is also an entire room dedicated to plus-sized costumes.

Guys can find costumes from popular movies like "Super Trooper" and "Top Gun," as well as TV show characters and a wide variety of male-female coordinating getups, from Peter Pan and Tinkerbell to male and female gangsters.

The store is closing its children's costumes department, so children's costumes are currently half-price, but once they are gone, there will not be any more.

The store also offers a few costumes for rent, including a Cinderella dress and other princess costumes for women, and leisure suits and bell-bottoms for men.

Customers can always try on costumes before they make a purchase.

The Little Apple Costume Company is located at 720 Poyntz Ave. in an old limestone house. Each room contains different types of costumes.

For a vintage look, check out the main Rockstar & Rogers store in Aggieville.

## THRIFT STORES

For college students with little money to spend on a costume, thrift stores are the place to go.

Melody Boltz, co-owner of Grand Ol' Trunk Thrift Shop, said people come in for crazy costumes all the time, so Halloween is no different.

She said a full costume could

probably be put together for \$10 and up.

Since thrift stores are secondhand, there is no guarantee of inventory, only the possibility that customers will find some fun surprises, whether it is the perfect pair of leather pants, classic denim overalls or an over-sized puff-painted shirt.

The full costume sets at the Grand Ol' Trunk right now are children's costumes, Boltz said, but thrift stores are all about piecing together a unique creation.

"It would be a mix-and-match type thing," Boltz said.

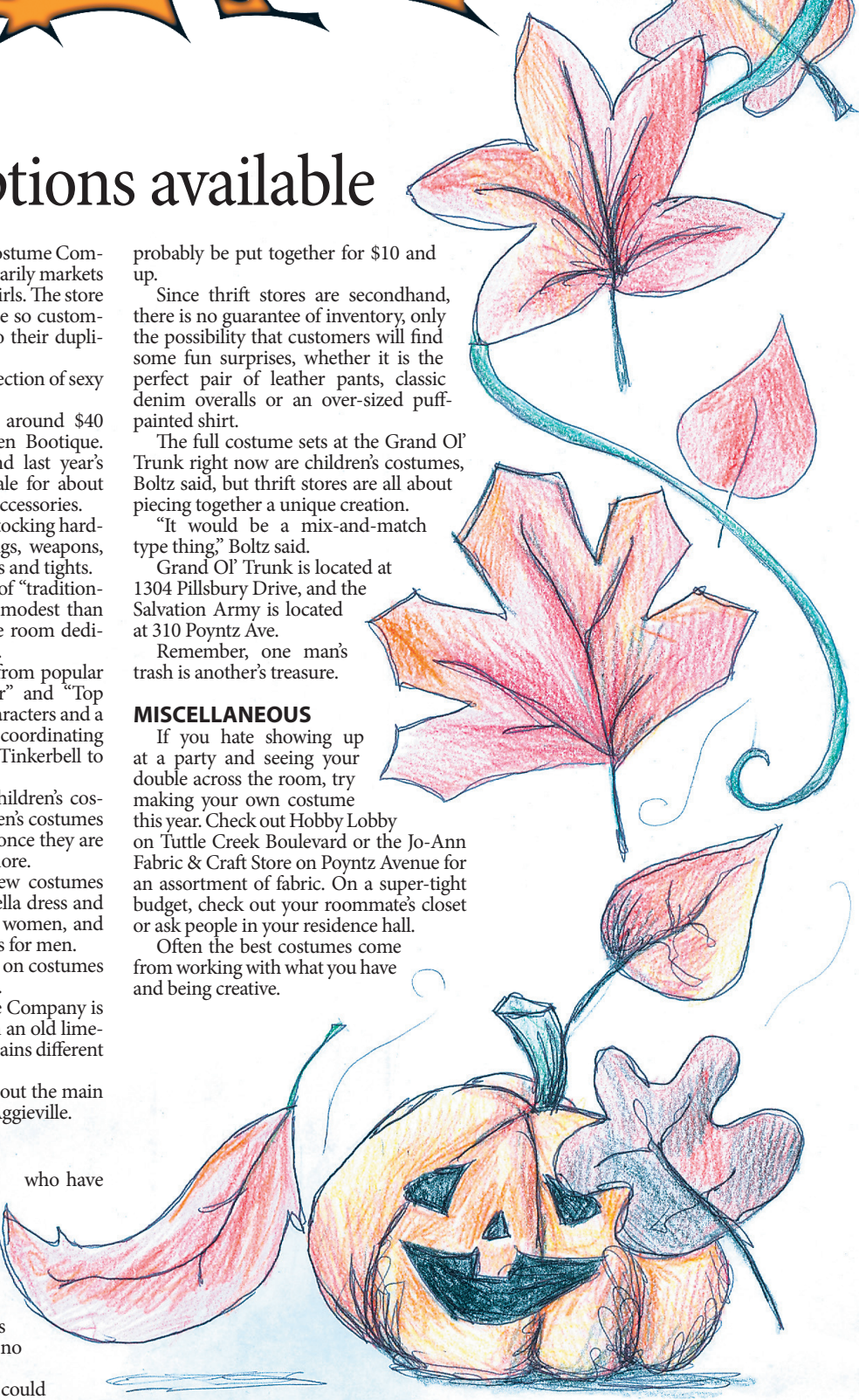
Grand Ol' Trunk is located at 1304 Pillsbury Drive, and the Salvation Army is located at 310 Poyntz Ave.

Remember, one man's trash is another's treasure.

## MISCELLANEOUS

If you hate showing up at a party and seeing your double across the room, try making your own costume this year. Check out Hobby Lobby on Tuttle Creek Boulevard or the Jo-Ann Fabric & Craft Store on Poyntz Avenue for an assortment of fabric. On a super-tight budget, check out your roommate's closet or ask people in your residence hall.

Often the best costumes come from working with what you have and being creative.



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# MEMORABLE MEAL

## The Patio Grille makes being cheesy classy

**The Patio**  
★★★★★  
Restaurant review by  
Tim Schrag

One of the things I love most about Manhattan is the wide variety of food genres available beyond the typical fast food and bar and grill choices.

The downside is, with more options, it's harder to pick where to eat because more than one option is worth it. Sometimes restaurants come and go out of business so fast in this town they can be nothing more than an obscure meal eaten two semesters ago; nothing more than a memory.

However, I recently added a new place to my "worth it" list. The Patio Grille, located on 3003 Anderson Avenue, offers classic, Cuban and Floribbean — a mixture of Florida and Caribbean — food that is worth making a trip west of Seth Child Road. The Patio came highly recommended to me and as a result I thought I'd go check it out.

As soon as I arrived, I decided this place was worth returning to; the tables resembled nice deck furniture, the walls were painted neutral colors, it was spacious and the decor really made it feel like I was indeed on a patio. Football on the flat-screen TVs, a nice sitting area with couches and bar — I'd hang out there more often if I could persuade my friends to do the same.

Looking over the appetizer list, I saw something that caught my eye: the cheese quesadilla. You can order a quesadilla with chicken or steak, but I figured that might spoil my entree.

The quesadilla itself was huge, more of a meal

than an appetizer, but it is meant to be shared. Two tortillas holding a thick layer of cheese — which made the dish — served with salsa and sour cream. I would consider it a sound investment.

I had a rough time deciding what to order; there were several things that caught my eye, including Bacon Wrapped Chorizo Meatloaf and Lechon Asado, a traditional Cuban pork dish topped with onions. The Patio offers a heavy load of options, including hamburgers, salads and sandwiches. They also cater to varying price ranges. My meal after tax and tip ran about \$23; of course, that's including a drink and appetizer.

I ultimately decided on Smothered Bacon Cheddar Chicken which was covered in Colby and cheddar cheese. Again, the cheese made the dish, but to the dish's credit, everything tastes better with bacon on it.

The chicken was served with garlic cheddar mashed potatoes and vegetables. The mashed potatoes were warm and well-seasoned with a solid texture. The vegetables were cooked to perfection; they tasted crisp and were seasoned with what tasted like Cuban spices. The portion sizes were awesome; I really felt like I got my money's worth here.

After that meal was over, I was full, which was disappointing because I really wanted to try the Florida Key Lime Pie. I guess that is an incentive to return. Perhaps I can convince Frank Martin to come along and try the Cuban food. I wonder if he already has?

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## Tex-Mex Fiesta Dip

**INGREDIENTS:**  
1/2 cup fat-free refried beans (about 1/2 of a 16-ounce can)  
1/2 cup fat-free sour cream  
1 tablespoon dry taco seasoning  
3/4 cup picante sauce  
2 or 3 green onions, chopped  
1 small tomato, chopped  
1/4 cup sliced black olives, drained  
Dippers: whole wheat crackers, homemade tortilla chips and veggies

1. Spread refried beans in a glass pie plate.
2. Mix sour cream and taco seasoning in a small bowl.
3. Spread sour cream mixture over refried beans.
4. Pour picante sauce on top of sour cream mixture.
5. Sprinkle onions, tomato, black olives and cheese on top.

**HELPFUL HINTS:**  
Double this recipe and use the whole can of beans and black olives, or make the dip in two plates and freeze one for a quick snack another day.  
Use your favorite cheese on top or a mixture of two cheeses. Buy Mexican blend cheese for this recipe and other favorite dishes that can use an extra zip.  
Choose favorite toppings for the dip. Try adding green and red peppers or avocado for a special twist.

**SAFETY TIP:**  
Remember to wash the tomato and onions before dicing. Green onions need special attention. Before using green onions, trim off the root end and outer thin layer and throw away. Thoroughly wash the remaining green and white part of the onion. Let clean water run through the onion tops to wash away all dirt and germs. In this recipe, dice most of the fresh, green part of the onion for the dip. Green onions, scallions or diced onion can be used in this recipe.

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## Buffets present conundrum: wasteful or worth it?



"I'm so hungry, I'm probably going to eat at least seven plates tonight."  
"Me too, I feel like I could eat a horse."  
Fast-forward 30 minutes and neither my two friends nor I had even returned to the buffet to get a second plate because we were so full from the first.  
As I plunked down my \$16 — an amount I walked in deciding was reasonable for an "all-you-can-eat"

experience — I came to the disheartening conclusion that I was getting gypped.

That got me thinking, "What's the deal with buffets?"

They are almost a lose-lose situation. Either you eat a normal, even small, meal and pay more than the food was probably worth or you return so many times someone has to roll you out the restaurant door, all the while declaring you "got your money's worth."

Obviously, there are ways to outwit the system; I could have gone back up and gotten a second plate, put it in a to-go box and saved it for lunch, thus buying two \$8 meals instead of one for \$16. I could have just eaten the soup or salad that came with one of my friend's meals and we could have split it. Or, I could have made some more

room in my belly and eaten another plate or two of delicious pasta, veggies and meat.

The fact of the matter is, however, I didn't.

Instead, I walked out of the restaurant mildly irked I had overpaid for a meal that, while tasty, was very small, and moved on to planning the rest of my night.

I remembered the experience the next night when I found myself making multiple trips to my cupboard in search of something to round out my dinner.

My actions were very much like those of any buffet customer; I found something that looked tasty and might satisfy my appetite, brought it back to the table and ate it while chit-chatting with my roommates. If, after finishing, I still wanted something more, I thought for a minute

about what I might be craving, then went back to the pantry or refrigerator to find it. My kitchen had become my own personal buffet.

With all the current debate about calorie and carb counting, portion control and crash diets, buffet-style restaurants often come under fire as encouraging obesity through alarmingly huge meals.

However, my at-home-buffet experience got me wondering if eating at buffets is really any different from eating anywhere else.

Many Mexican restaurants offer unlimited chips and salsa, and Italian restaurants frequently provide as much bread as you request.

So what is the difference between an unlimited appetizer and a table full of unlimited entrees?

I think where buffet-style

restaurants have the edge is their ability to charge more for what, for most people, will end up being the same amount of food.

The minute someone complains about an expensive buffet, all an owner or manager has to say is that the price covers the cost of people who eat multiple plates or something to that effect, and the customer is left with little to argue about.

So, are buffets truly a waste of money? Maybe. Maybe not. Either way, they are not actually much different from the way we eat anywhere else. So maybe they aren't a cause for obesity. Maybe they're simply a good way to get a full belly.

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# Kansas organizations unite to heighten domestic violence awareness

## Coalition working on a statewide domestic violence prevention plan

Daniel Stewart  
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Across the state, 30 organizations have teamed up with other national organizations to promote October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to support people, specifically women, who have been victimized.

The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence is one of the 30 programs contributing to the effort.

According to its website, the coalition's purpose is to eliminate domestic violence and help

victims who have been stalked, sexually abused and physically attacked, with a special focus on women. Through communication, research, education, support and prevention, the coalition aims to increase public awareness and enact social change.

Joyce Grover, executive director of KCSDV, said the month of October has been a concentrated peak of efforts devoted to stopping domestic violence since its inception.

"It started in 1981 as a day of unity," Grover said. "It stayed that way for a while. In 1987, it became a month. This happened around the same time the domestic violence hot line was started. It has grown since then with corporations and organi-

zations sponsoring and getting involved."

Domestic Violence Awareness Month serves as a tool to convey information to people who do not know about the problem occurring in the state.

A Kansas Bureau of Investigation report shows that in 2008, 14.84 percent of all homicides were the result of domestic violence. Nearly 25 percent of women have been raped or physically assaulted by an intimate partner in their lifetimes, according to the 2000 National Violence Against Women Survey.

A statistic commonly stated is that one out of 10 women are domestically attacked by isolation, emotional, verbal, sexual, physical or financial abuse.

Grover said she believes sta-

tistics like this are skewed and lower than the actual reality.

"We know that there are many people who don't report and don't do anything," Grover said. "They feel ashamed, but it's not their fault. Our goal is to make them feel safe to report abuse."

This month is designated to put an end to that, Grover said. Throughout the month, events all over the state help raise awareness, which is one of the organization's main goals.

KCSDV also promotes awareness about the services they offer such as providing shelter, sitting with victims at hospitals and assisting with custody battles just to name a few.

The organization is also focusing on a step above awareness: prevention.

"We're putting together a statewide prevention plan," Grover said. "That wasn't around five years ago."

The events happening throughout the month can be found in more detail on the KCSDV website.

Events are specifically planned to raise awareness through a number of methods. People share survivor stories and participate in marches, protests and fundraisers as well. Their example teaches people to be aware, watch, speak out and not to stand idly by when people downplay or mock the effects of domestic violence.

Manhattan has seen such events already this month.

"We had a ceremony at the beginning of the month," said

Melissa DeDonder, communications coordinator for KCSDV. "It was the Silent Witness Ceremony to kick off the month."

Grover and DeDonder both urged people to become involved in the organization in any way they could.

Grover said there are many options for involvement, whether it be supporting the work of the coalition, joining one of the statewide organizations, making changes in one's personal life, community service, donating, attending events, joining the Facebook page or simply letting everyone know domestic violence is not a hidden issue and taking a stand against it.

The Kansas Crisis Hot Line number is 1-888-END-ABUSE (363-2287).

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Crime to blame, not assault weapons

To the editor:

While Roberto Santana Villarreal Meraz's Oct. 15 article "Unnecessary assault weapons hurt the U.S., Mexico" has a worthwhile goal, it unfortunately misses the point of the true problem — crime.

The term "assault weapon," and those that use it, illustrates the general misunderstanding of what they are even talking about.

"An assault gun that can shoot 600 rounds per minute" details a firearm that has been

regulated extensively since the 1930s. The media has taken this misnomer, "assault weapon," to describe a firearm that is conventional, yet "looks bad."

The real problem is crime and its enforcement. It is already a felony to purchase a firearm for other individuals and not your personal use.

The Assault Weapons Ban really didn't accomplish more than to force manufacturers to remove bayonet lugs, pistol grips and reduce the capacity

of their magazines. Assault-style weapons are highly accurate and used extensively in competitions as well as hunting.

It is my belief that the laws that have already been written should be enforced and the need for further regulation is too restrictive and impedes the rights defined under the Second Amendment of the Constitution.

**John B. Nieman**  
Junior in history

# CHINA | Religion evolving quickly

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Madsen said the Chinese government, like the U.S. government, assumes religions need to be kept private with no direct impact on the public sphere. However, Madsen said religion in China is changing dynamically and is no longer being kept private.

"In China, you have a growth of religion that the government did not anticipate and a dynamic growth that, in the government's point of view, is causing various kinds of social problems," Madsen said.

The modernization of traditional ancestral worship is one example of religious involvement in China.

"It's a tradition, but it's tradition that's been refracted through a certain kind of modernity," Madsen said. "It's tradition being reformulated in new, different ways, and it means different things in different places, in different kinds of contexts."

Evangelical Christianity, Madsen said, has been "growing like wildfire."

"The government can't stop it, so they're trying to come to terms with it," Madsen said.

Madsen said there is an underground Catholic Church, in which members do not abide by the rules and theology of a patriarchal association that controls most Christian churches in China, but remain faithful to Rome. He said two-thirds of China's Catholics belong to this underground church.

"I got to learn America's understanding of Chinese religion and culture," said Yue Qi, graduate student in biochemistry. "I didn't think ancestral worship was a religion, just tradition. We don't treat it as religion. It's a new idea to me."

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## EXPANSION | Garden a ‘valuable resource’

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to create some very nice, tiered lakes and waterfalls and also maintain that water-retention purpose,” McElwain said.

Another plan is to add the children's garden, which will include a dry-base fountain available for children to run through, a spiral yellow brick road and a treehouse structure used as a shade area. McElwain said the newly renovated children's garden should provide for much greater educational opportunities for children.

Prior to this design, Chip Winslow, professor in landscape architecture and regional and community planning, came up with a 12-acre plan designed mainly to renovate the wetlands area and the lakes. The department then contacted two architectural firms, the Clark Enersen Partners in Lincoln, Neb., and Mesa Design Group in

Dallas, Texas. After discussions with the two firms and K-State alumni students, the 19-acre plan was drawn up to design a bigger renovation with the resources available.

Thomas Warner, professor of horticulture forestry and recreation, has been involved with the planning since the 1991-92 school year and has stayed on the committee since then to serve as a project coordinator and work with outside support groups.

“It’s a valuable resource, not only for students across the campus, but also for the general public that want to learn about plants and other plant materials,” Warner said. “It’s a tremendous asset for the campus and community, and it’s also just a wonderful place to go in and relax and look around.”

The design is currently mapped out as a 10-year plan. McElwain said the goal is to start the renovation next March.

## PURPLE | Fundraising money at half of goal

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and Balestrere’s who inspired Project Purple, and ceremonially assisted with clothing the letter, was along with them at the signing of the naked letter.

Cuda said the team contacted Manhattan Parks and Recreation and discovered a maintenance person took the fabric down because he did not know it was there for a purpose. Fortunately, the maintenance employees saved the fabric, so the team was able to reclothe the letter.

In addition to the fabric disappearance, Balestrere said the Project Purple creators also have to deal with time management issues.

“The biggest challenge has been that it’s only the three of us working on it, and we’re all architecture majors, so we don’t have a lot of free time,” she said. “Pretty much every day that we do have free time, we’re doing stuff for Project Purple.”

In spite of all of the roadblocks, Cuda said Project Purple

is turning out to be an enjoyable experience.

“My favorite thing is just meeting everybody that I’ve met so far, and just seeing how amazing this community is and how willing they are to support it and spread the word,” she said.

Cuda said it has been meaningful for her to meet with people who are personally affected by cystic fibrosis.

“Whether it’s them themselves or a family member or friend — actually meeting them and knowing the people that we’re actually touching,” she said.

Cuda said Project Purple is halfway to its fundraising goal. To donate, people can drop cash in buckets near cash registers from noon to 4 p.m. at HyVee on Saturday, or buy T-shirts at Project Purple’s booth in the K-State Student Union from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26 and Thursday, Oct. 28.

“It’s turned out better than we thought it would, and we’re hoping to keep growing and do it in years to come,” Balestrere said.

## SOCIETY | Honorary connects to community

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holds meetings once a month, and have on average about 30 students attend.

“A lot of people just want to put it on their resumes,” she said.

Adams hopes the national recognition they received will be a way to get more students to involve themselves in the group.

“I think it will make our members want to come to more events, and they will see how awesome we are,” she said.

Lawler agreed that the status could be good for recruitment.

“I think people look to see what a group has accomplished before they decide to join,” he said.

Although not every member of the society is actively involved with community service and leadership activities, Carol Gould, chapter adviser and executive coordinator of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance, said she is very proud of the students who are involved, and is a strong advocate for the efforts of the program.

“I think it’s a wonderful way for freshmen and sophomores to get involved in a very good honor society,” she said. “I’m a strong believer in service and connecting to the community, and that is a pillar.

“The students are very committed and the officers work really hard, they put in a lot of time; they’re very good people.”

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(Top Chapters in the Nation Recognized for Overall Excellence)

*For the 30th Time in the Award’s Forty-two Year History  
By the ATO National Officers at the Alpha Tau Omega National Congress in Orlando, Florida*

*and*

**The Golden Communications Award**  
(Top Communications in the Nation)



*And for Receiving the Following Awards from the National Fraternity:*

*The Good Samaritan Community Awareness Award (National Honorable Mention - Top Five in Nation)*  
*The National Thomas Arkle Clark Award (National Runner-Up Winner: Jared M. Schnefke)*  
*The National Graduate Scholarship Award (National Winner: Peter E. Boos)*  
*The J. Milton Richardson National Theological Award (National Winner: Jordan S. McFall)*  
*Excellence Awards in Recritment, Pledge Education, Ritual, Financial Management, Campus Involvement & Leadership Development, Summer Recruitment and Communications*

*From The Delta Theta Board of Trustees and  
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